

Delbert E. Nelson New School Head

Culbertson School Chief Succeeds Ira George

O'Neill's new superintendent of city schools will be Delbert E. Nelson, of Culbertson. He will succeed Ira George on August 1.

Nelson was signed at a meeting of the board of education last week. There had been about 24 applications for the post.

Nelson, who is married and is the father of a son, Jackie, 6, graduated from Peru State Teachers college in 1939. In 1939-'40 he taught social science and coached athletics at Eagle. Between 1940 and 1943 he was principal and coach at Crawford. He spent 3 years during World War II in military service, a portion of the time as an officer.

In 1946 he went to Culbertson as principal and, after a half term, became superintendent, continuing as superintendent until now.

Nelson's original home is at Lincoln. His annual salary will be \$4,800.

Also this week the board of education contracted with Cleamon D. Stone to return as vocational agriculture teacher.

Stone, an Oklahoman, came to O'Neill last September. He will attend summer school at the University of Nebraska, will draw \$4,050 next year for teaching. Stone holds a master's degree from Oklahoma A & M.

Nelson holds a bachelor's degree from Peru and a master's degree from the University of Nebraska, where he has spent 3 summers.

11 Calves, Bull Perish in Flames

CELIA—Eleven head of calves and 1 registered bull died in a fire early Tuesday morning that completely destroyed a 40x60-foot barn on the Edward Heiser farm, 14 miles north and 4 miles east of Atkinson.

The fire was believed to have been caused by lightning. The loss, Mr. Heiser said, was covered by insurance.

Also destroyed were 3 saddles, 1 set of harness, a milking machine, all milking utensils, some grain and a large quantity of hay.

Fire occurred about 2 a. m. A heavy rain accompanied the severe lightning and the wetness assisted in keeping the flames from spreading to nearby buildings.

Fifteen cows, which Mr. Heiser milks, escaped unhurt. Atkinson firemen helped keep the flames from spreading.

Large Crowd at Grutsch Funeral

Funeral services for William Grutsch, 65, well-known north of O'Neill farmer, were held Friday, May 11, at St. Patrick's Catholic church.

Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

Among those who attended the funeral from out-of-town were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schmeitzer, of Milford; Mr. and Mrs. Wes Haas, of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kimbrough and son, Kenneth, of Geneva; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rosenkrans, of Butte; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Stevens, of Oakland; Mr. and Mrs. Art Givens and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kramer, of Stuart; Mrs. Claire Van Hove and Mr. and Mrs. Arden Berg, of Bristow.

Welder Explodes; Man Is Burned

Albert Miller, who resides on a ranch south of Emmet, received a "serious" burn about the head and hands Tuesday when the welder with which he was working exploded.

He was taken to the O'Neill hospital where his condition is described as "satisfactory."

Oil Burner in School Explodes

DELOIT—The oil burning stove at the Reimers rural school, in the Deloit community, exploded early Tuesday, May 8.

No one was injured but the stove was damaged and the interior of the school will have to be redecorated.

JUSTICE COURT

Harvey J. Grof, of Atkinson, May 15, charged filed by J. F. Gates, failed to appear at court.

Lynn Cobb, of Stuart, fined \$10 and costs, speeding charges filed by Patrolman Frank Dineen, May 15.

Gordon Lee Towne, fined \$10 and costs, speeding charges filed by J. F. Gates, May 16.

Iowans Visit—

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grundman and daughter, of Cherokee, Ia., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cohn.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Edward Charles Cavanaugh, of Chambers, and Miss Edna Heeb, of Atkinson, May 11.



Nelson . . . Eagle, Crawford, Culbertson—next O'Neill. (Story at left)

PUBLISHERS WILL GATHER SATURDAY

Paul F. Wagner, Assistant to Governor, Will Address Group

O'Neill will be host to a group of north-central Nebraska editors, publishers and officials of the Nebraska Press association Saturday.

The meeting will begin with a 1 p. m. luncheon followed by a business session.

The visitors will hear a talk by Paul F. Wagner, of South Sioux City, newly appointed administrative assistant to Gov. Val Peterson. His talk will be entitled, "Press Relations with the Statehouse."

A special showing of "The World - Herald Story," a documentary film in technicolor, also will feature the program.

An informal conference on mutual problems and remarks by NPA President R. F. Kennedy, of the Columbus Telegram, and NPA Secretary Scott Greenwood, of the state office at Lincoln, will round out the program.

After adjournment there will be an open-house tour of the Holt County Independent's new plant and a visit to The Frontier.

A number of the publishers are especially interested in "The Voice of The Frontier's" radio facilities.

There will be a 7 o'clock dinner in the evening. All events will be at the Town House.

Ralph J. Kelly, publisher of the Atkinson Graphic, is president of the north-central district and will preside. Carroll ("Cal") Stewart, publisher of The Frontier and a member of the NPA board of directors, is in charge of arrangements.

Wives of publishers will enjoy a tea at the Town House in the afternoon and play bridge.

Many of the visitors will be remaining in the city until Sunday.

Doyle, Check Forger, Caught

John Doyle, the former Atkinson laborer who forged a check, April 6, to "purchase" a used car from an O'Neill dealer, has been captured at Wichita, Kans.

After "purchasing" the car in O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle headed south. In Wichita they wrecked the car, injuring their little daughter who was with them. The child was taken to a Wichita hospital to be treated for injuries. The parents vanished.

Friday, the sheriff at Wichita contacted Holt County Sheriff Leo S. Tomjack and announced that Doyle had been captured. The Wichita official stated that Doyle was also wanted by Oklahoma and Kansas as well as Nebraska and which state would get priority was not known.

Special Train Bringing Boosters

A special North Western train will bring 100 Omaha businessmen into O'Neill Saturday, arriving at 2:45 p. m.

The O'Neill stop will be the final one for the touring Omaha boosters who are visiting Nebraska, Kansas and Wyoming points.

There will be candy and gifts for the kiddies. The stop will be for 1 hour.

Scout Fund Push Begins Today—

The O'Neill annual fund-raising drive in behalf of O'Neill Boy Scouts will begin on Tuesday, May 22. The goal this year is \$1,200. Last year the campaign grossed \$800.

Verne Reynolds is finance chairman of the district. Enrollment in cub scouts, he points out, has increased 25 percent over a year ago.

Visitors Here—

Verne Beckwith and daughter, of Columbus, spent several days in O'Neill last week visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hopkins visited Sunday in Sioux City with Mrs. Iva Hopkins and son, Larry.

RETIRED O'NEILL MERCHANT DIES

Rites for R. R. Morrison To Be Held Today; Ill Several Years

R. R. ("Bob") Morrison, 77-year-old retired O'Neill grocery merchant, died at 8 p. m., Monday, May 14, at his home. He had been in declining health for several years and had been dangerously ill on several occasions.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a. m. today (Thursday) in St. Patrick's Catholic church with Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Calvary cemetery under the direction of BigAn Bros.

A rosary was offered Wednesday night at the Morrison residence.

Pallbearers chosen are H. E. Coyne, P. C. Donohoe, Harry Lansworth, Thomas J. Donohoe, Harold Boshart, and H. L. Lindberg.

The late Mr. Morrison was born November 24, 1873, at Danville, Ill., a son of Philip and Mary Rumley Morrison, who were immigrants from County Cork, Ireland.

He came to Holt county from Danville when a small child. On August 13, 1900, he married Miss Ellen Killmurry in St. Patrick's Catholic church. His bride was a Holt county native.

Mr. Morrison was in the grocery business for many years, having traveled on the road for an Omaha wholesale house for a time and having operated stores in several locations.

On Sunday, August 13, 1950, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

There was a special mass at St. Patrick's church with Mr. and Mrs. Morrison re-enacting their wedding of a half-century ago. Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren formed the procession.

The late Mr. Morrison was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Survivors include: Widow—Ellen Morrison, daughters—Mrs. Ed (Catherine) Davidson, of Casper, Wyo.; Mrs. R. O. (Mary) Newton, of Riverton, Wyo.; Mrs. Kevin (Dorothy) Cronin, of Chicago, Ill.; sons—Robert T., and John P., both of Anderson, Ind.; Richard, of Norfolk; 19 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; sisters—Mrs. Dan Cronin, of Omaha; Mrs. Hannah Donohoe, of O'Neill; Mrs. Julia Brennan, of St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. William Fallon, of Gregory, S. D.

District Library Meeting Friday

The Grattan township public library will host Friday, May 18 to the district library meeting sponsored by the Nebraska public library commission.

Miss Bernadette Brennan, librarian, has announced that the public is invited to attend.

Mrs. P. B. Harty will be in charge of registrations which will begin at 9:30 a. m.

At 10 o'clock, E. M. Gallagher will give the address of welcome. Miss Louise Nixon, executive secretary of the Nebraska public library commission, will give a talk on the work and present program of the commission; Wayne Kessler, president of the Nebraska Library association, will report on the progress of the commission; and Mrs. Marguerite Johnston, field representative will give a talk on the library trustee.

A luncheon will be served at 12:30 p. m. at the M&M cafe with Mrs. E. M. Gallagher as hostess. Sr. M. Anthonella, principal at St. Mary's academy, will be the first of the afternoon speakers and will discuss vocational guidance. This will be followed by a talk by Miss Anna O'Donnell on "The Cooperation of Schools and Libraries."

Rural Pupils Tour Lincoln—

The pupils of Holt county rural school district 128 and their teacher, Mrs. Viola Parks, left early Monday on a sight-seeing trip to Lincoln. They visited many places of interest and returned the same day.

Making the trip were Dick Stewart, Lorann Edmisten, Darrell Grass, Marlin Frahm, Denny Cunningham, Shirley Gamel, Marlene Frahm, Joyce Grass and Larry Parks.

Mrs. Elmer Edmisten sponsored one of the cars.

GRADS PICTURES

This week The Frontier presents the composite pictures of the graduating classes from the Stuart, Inman, Page, Chambers, Atkinson, and St. Joseph (Atkinson) high schools. Similar composite pictures of the graduates of the O'Neill high schools will be presented in the next issue.

Woman Overcome by Monoxide Fumes

CELIA—Mrs. Lee Terwilliger was overcome by carbon monoxide fumes Friday, May 11, while doing the family washing in the basement of her new home.

The power washing machine's exhaust hose protruded out of the basement window, but a faulty gasket, where the hose connected with the machine, allowed the monoxide gas to escape.

Mrs. Terwilliger became so ill it was necessary to remove her to the Stuart hospital where she was given artificial respiration for 5 hours. She was able to return home Saturday "much improved" but still suffering effects of the gas.

She was being assisted by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Perry Terwilliger, who was hanging out clothes. She suffered only a headache.

SPRING RAINS SWELL ELKHORN

River Overflows Banks; 1.83 Inches Moisture Falls in 7 Days

The Elkhorn river, running bank full for several weeks, is now out of its banks.

The line, "water, water, everywhere" aptly describes the bottomland from Stuart eastward as the river winds across Holt county.

Some Atkinson observers say they've never seen the river higher than it is now.

Early Wednesday the bridge east of Emmet was washed out and workmen were having trouble saving the bridge west of there.

Lowlands in south Holt county are completely flooded. Only a little corn has been planted in the northern part of the county. Barley and oats are very late and rye prospects are not good, either.

Water was flowing over highway 20 east of O'Neill, near Mudbridge, Wednesday, in a path estimated to be about 1,000 feet in width. State Highway Engineer John Osenbaugh reported late Wednesday that it was believed that the crest had been reached and the waters would soon begin to recede.

Already bluegrass buyers are appearing in the county with a view to buying up this year's crop. Prospects now are good on the bluegrass.

Showers during the past 7 days have been characterized by considerable lightning and thunder.

Summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 6 p. m. daily, follows:

	Hi	Lo	Mois.
May 9	76	49	
May 10	59	40	
May 11	58	37	
May 12	67	48	
May 13	65	55	.49
May 14	72	55	.77
May 15	72	55	.57
Total			1.83

Quick Justice for Cattle Thieves

ATKINSON—Two Loup county men who attempted to sell 2 baby calves at the Atkinson Livestock Market on Tuesday, May 8, the following day were admitted to the men's reformatory and state state penitentiary to begin serving 3-year sentences.

Frank Graham, 26, and Daniel Kelley, about 35, both of Taylor, were arrested, given a hearing early Wednesday, May 9, in Loup county district court at Taylor.

State Brand Inspector Virgil Laursen, of O'Neill, held up the money at the market pending an investigation, which disclosed that neither had owned black cattle. The pair pleaded guilty to the charge. The unbranded calves were taken from the Haskins ranch.

Graham is single; Kelley is married and has 7 children.

Mother M. Patrice in Profession 25 Years

Mother M. Patrice, mother superior of St. Joseph's Catholic hospital at Alliance, Tuesday, May 8, celebrated her 25th anniversary in the profession. Sister Patrice took her vows as a Franciscan nun at Stella Niagara, N. Y., 25 years ago.

D. A. McCarthy, of O'Neill, her brother; Sr. M. Immaculata, of St. Elizabeth's school, Denver, Colo., and Margaret McCarthy, of O'Neill, sisters, were present for the ceremonies.

(Complete story with picture will be found in the May 24 issue of The Frontier.)

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Lightning Bolt Kills Lynch Youth



ALERT SHERIFF . . . Wheeler County Sheriff Arthur C. McLain, of Bartlett, for the third time in less than 4 years has arrested and jailed suspicious acting characters who had stopped at his service station for supplies. Each time McLain has been right in his arrests. The latest pair of fugitives, Edward Hammond, of West Virginia, and Raymond McKinney, of Kentucky, have confessed to the theft of a car at Phillipsburg. — Photo by Courtesy Wheeler County Independent.

Dening Bjornsen, 17, Struck Working on Water Pipes

By MRS. A. A. KALKOWSKI (Special Correspondent)

LYNCH—A 17-year-old Lynch high school senior, who was to have graduated today and also was to have celebrated his birthday today, is dead.

Dening Bjornsen was struck by a bolt of lightning Tuesday about 2:30 p. m., while working with water pipes in a house. A severe electrical storm was in progress.

Doctors thought the young man was knocked unconscious and died immediately. Artificial respiration was administered for sometime, but he could not be revived.

Young Bjornsen was assisting a plumber, who was at work in the basement of the house and who was unhurt. The youth was at work because there were no classes this week for the 1951 Lynch high graduates.

Bjornsen was an outstanding Lynch high athlete and participated in most school activities.

Survivors include: Mother; sisters—Miss Lenora, of Lynch; Mrs. Faye Papestein, of Spencer; Mrs. Judy Peters, of Verdell; Mrs. Inez Mitchell, of Iowa; Mrs. Agnes Nelson, of Chicago, Ill.; brothers—Stanley, who is in the navy; Neal, of Tennessee; Carroll, of O'Neill; Lee, Melvin, Norris, Orvis and Isaac.

Dening was the youngest son in the Bjornsen family. His father died several years ago.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed early Wednesday.

Plan to Estimate Oil Drilling Costs

A Worland, Wyo., drilling company's officials will meet in O'Neill "within a few days" with a group of northeast Nebraskans who are planning to finance an oil test in the Page-Orchard area.

A meeting was held recently at the Golden hotel in O'Neill to further the development. A temporary board of directors was elected. Two members are from Ainsworth, 2 from Norfolk, 1 from Orchard, 1 from O'Neill and 1 is a South Dakotan.

A permanent board will be selected soon.

St. Mary's Alumni Banquet Planned

Matthew G. Beha will officiate as toastmaster at the annual St. Mary's alumni banquet to be held at the academy Sunday, May 20. Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan will give the welcoming address.

Toasts to the clergy, Alma Mater, and toasts to the Sisters will be given by Robert Shoemaker, Kathryn Ann Golden and Mary Devine Brennan.

The address of welcome to the class of 1951 will be given by Mrs. DeMaris Stout Birmingham and the response will be given by her daughter, Miss Marde Birmingham.

The business meeting of the alumni association will be held at 5 o'clock in the alumni parlor and will be followed by benediction in the academy chapel at 5:45 p. m.

Arden Johnson, 49, Burial at Bristow

BRISTOW—Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at the Lutheran church for Arden Johnson, 49.

Johnson, a lifetime resident of Holt county, died Sunday evening at the Sacred Heart hospital in Lynch after submitting to a major operation.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Johnson, of Bristow.

Returned Mission Worker Shows Films

NORTH OF STUART—Plans are being made for Miss Uneola Adams, returned missionary from China, to show pictures at the Cleveland church Sunday evening, May 20.

Miss Adams has been at the Adams ranch visiting her brother, Yulan, and sisters, Vesta and Mable, most of the time since her recent return to the U. S.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Long spent Sunday in Clearwater as guests of Rev. A. C. Utterback.

Retiring President Entertains Lions

The retiring president of the O'Neill Lions club, L. D. Putnam, on Wednesday, May 9, entertained members of the club and 5 guests at the Town House.

J. H. ("Arnie") Doering, manager of the Council Oak store, is the new president. Other new officials are: Elgin Ray, first vice-president; Dr. H. D. Gildersleeve, second vice-president; Joe Stutz, third vice-president; Robert Jonas, tail - twister; D. H. Clauson, assistant tail - twister, tamer and song leader. Members of the board of directors are D. C. Schaffer, Judge D. R. Mounts, Harry Petersen and Hugh Ray.

A. E. Bowen was re-elected secretary.

Guests at the meeting were Supt. Ira George and Miss Rosemary Vondracek, of the O'Neill public school; John Bowen and Phyllis Seger, O'Neill high musicians who have helped entertain the Lions during the past year, and John C. Watson.

Putnam thanked the Lions for their "courtesy and cooperation" during the past year while he was club leader. Watson told of his short tour of duty in Korea—having spent 10 days on the peninsula. Mr. George asked the Lions to cooperate with the new superintendent who will succeed him August 1.

Plans for the annual Lions-sponsored beauty contest were discussed. The contest will take place Monday, May 20, at the Town House. Rules are the same as last year, except a kin of the winner must belong to the club.

Rail Commissioner Will Give Address

Walter Roberts, member of the Nebraska state railway commission, has accepted an invitation to speak in O'Neill at Memorial day rites on Wednesday, May 30.

Mr. Roberts is a former resident of north-central Nebraska.

Glea H. Wade is in charge of Memorial day arrangements for Simonson post 93 of the American Legion.

In a meeting last Thursday night, the Legion voted to stage the annual celebration on Saturday and Sunday, June 23-24.

Family Gathers for Mother's Day—

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Taylor, Norman and Barbara; Mr. and Mrs. Max Taylor, Edwin, Edward, Loretta, Don and Donna Fae; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hollenbeck, Ronnie, Glenda and Jackie; Melvin Thompson, of Atkinson, was also a guest.

Young Adults Elect—

Robert Kurtz is the newly-elected president of the Young Adult Fellowship of the Methodist church. Grant Peacock is vice-president, and Mrs. Milton Krause is secretary-treasurer.

LANDS WHOPPER

EMMET—Clarence Farr late Wednesday landed a 20 - pound catfish at the Atkinson - Stuart gravel pit. Roy Sauers, of O'Neill, lended an assist.

Mr. and Mrs. Connie Callaway spent Sunday in O'Neill with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Calkins and Mrs. J. H. Bruns.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lang, of Atkinson, spent Sunday night at the home of Mrs. Hazel Boatman.